

What is claimed is:

1. A leg protection device for protecting a leg of an occupant in a vehicle, comprising:

a casing,

5 an airbag disposed in the casing in a folded state to be inflated in front of the leg of the occupant, said airbag having a front portion facing the occupant and a rear portion opposite to the front portion in an inflated state, said airbag having a folded portion folded between the front portion and the rear
10 portion at a perimeter thereof, and

gas generating means attached to the airbag for inflating the airbag.

2. A leg protection device according to claim 1, wherein said
15 folded portion is formed at an upper side of the airbag.

3. A leg protection device according to claim 1, wherein said folded portion is formed at a lateral side of the airbag.

20 4. A leg protection device according to claim 1, wherein said folded portion is formed at an upper side and a lateral side of the airbag.

5. A leg protection device according to claim 2, wherein said
25 folded portion is further formed at a lower side of the airbag.

6. A leg protection device according to claim 1, wherein said folded portion includes a pleated portion in which the perimeter of the airbag is folded at least once inwardly between the front
30 portion and the rear portion.

7. A leg protection device according to claim 1, wherein said
airbag includes a rolled portion rolled along a horizontal
direction relative to the occupant in the folded state, said
5 rolled portion having folded left and right sides.
8. A leg protection device according to claim 1, wherein said
airbag includes an upper portion rolled along a horizontal
direction relative to the occupant and a lower portion folded
10 over the upper portion in the folded state, said rolled upper
portion having folded left and right sides disposed above the
folded lower portion.
9. A leg protection device according to claim 7, wherein said
15 folded left and right sides are folded in bellows or rolled.
10. A leg protection device according to claim 8, wherein said
folded left and right sides are folded in bellows or rolled.
- 20 11. A leg protection device according to claim 7, wherein said
airbag is arranged such that folded portion at the perimeter
expands outwardly between the front and rear portions after the
rolled portion is unrolled.